

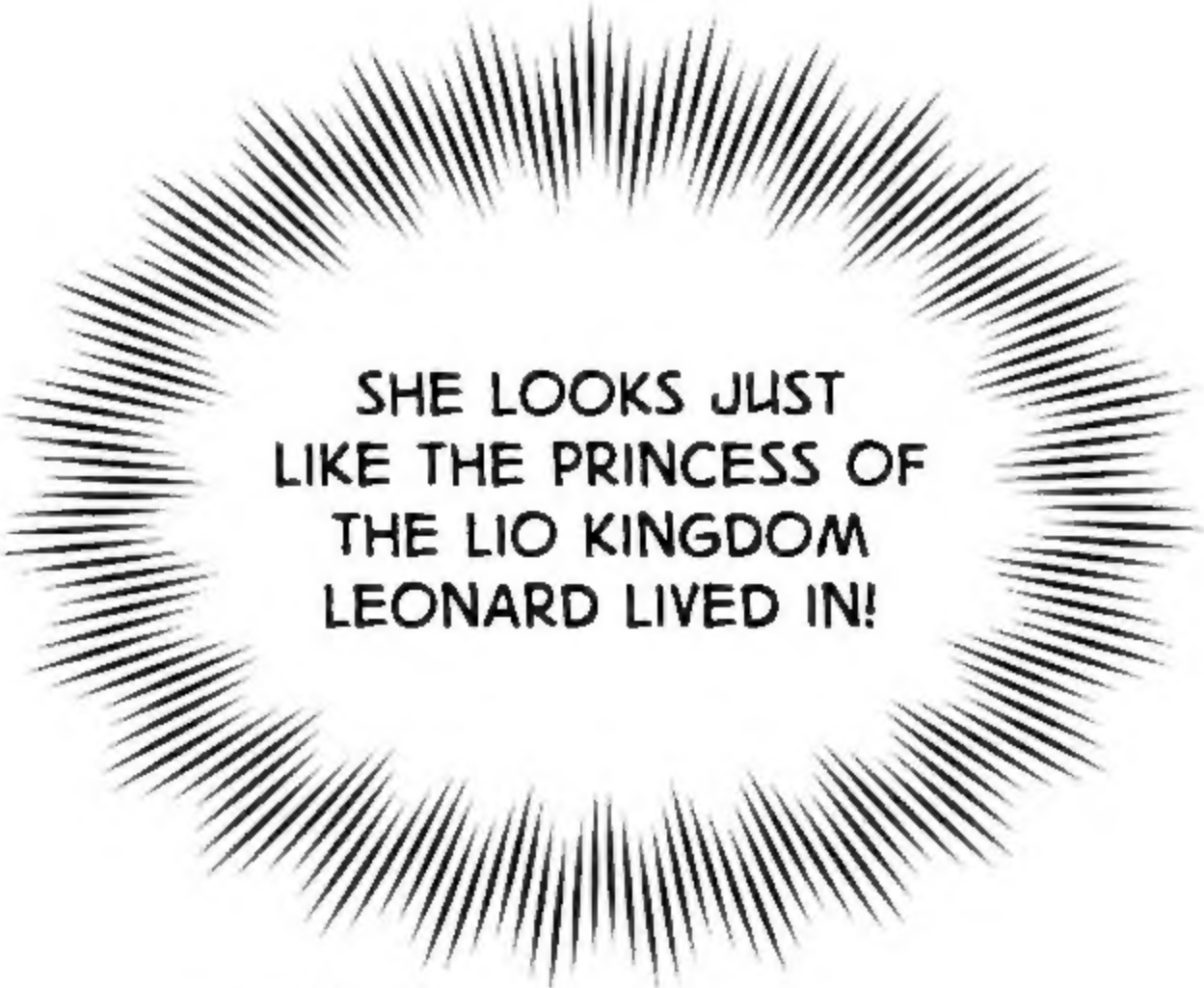
The New Hire is the Demon Lord.

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**WH-WHAT
IN THE WORLD...?!**



SHE LOOKS JUST
LIKE THE PRINCESS OF
THE LIO KINGDOM
LEONARD LIVED IN!



HOW
HAVE YOU
BEEN?



I'VE BEEN WELL!
HOW ABOUT YOU,
YEONGHYEON?







OH, I DON'T
THINK WE'VE
MET!



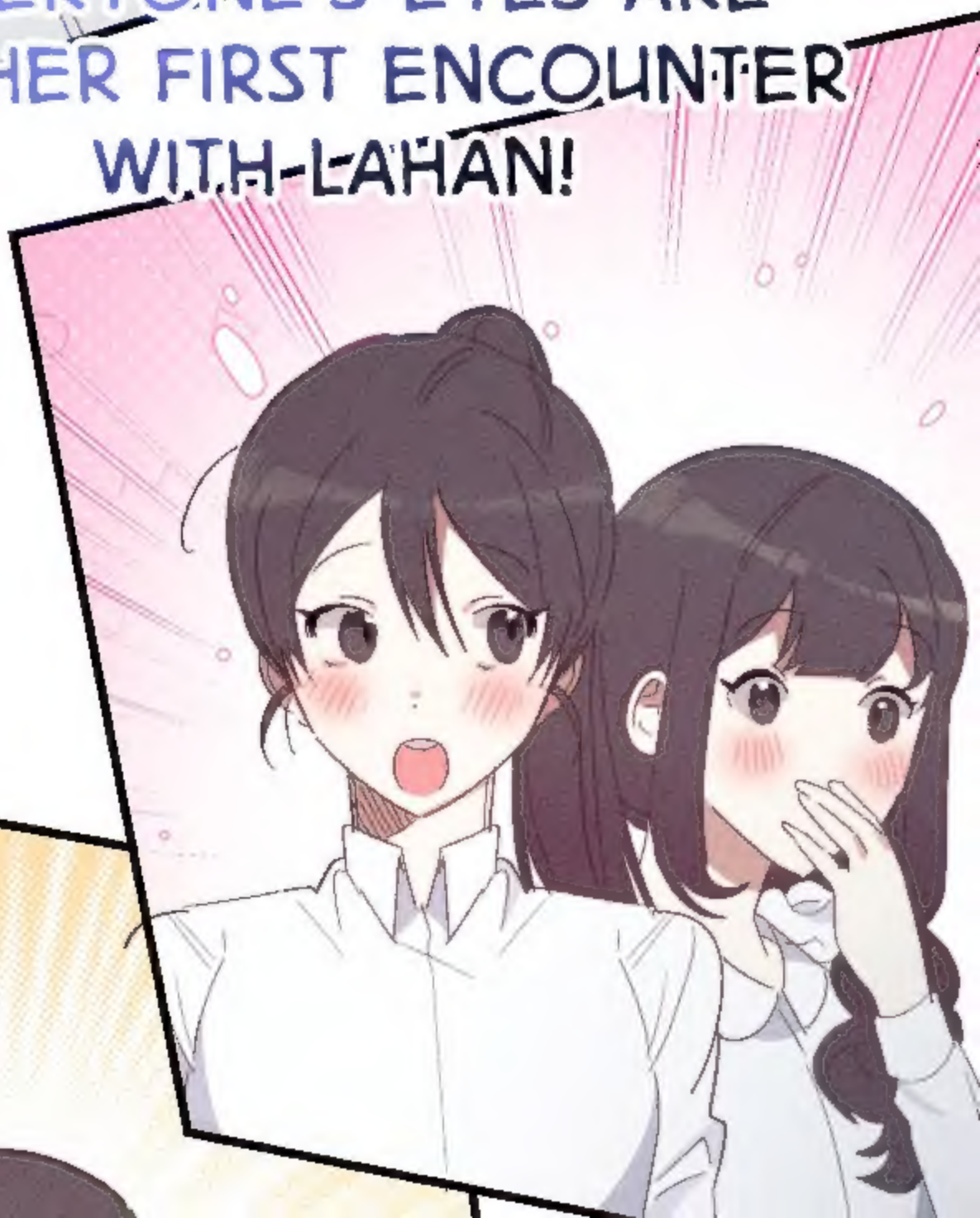


WHO'S
THIS?





EVERYONE'S EYES ARE
ON HER FIRST ENCOUNTER
WITH LAHAN!







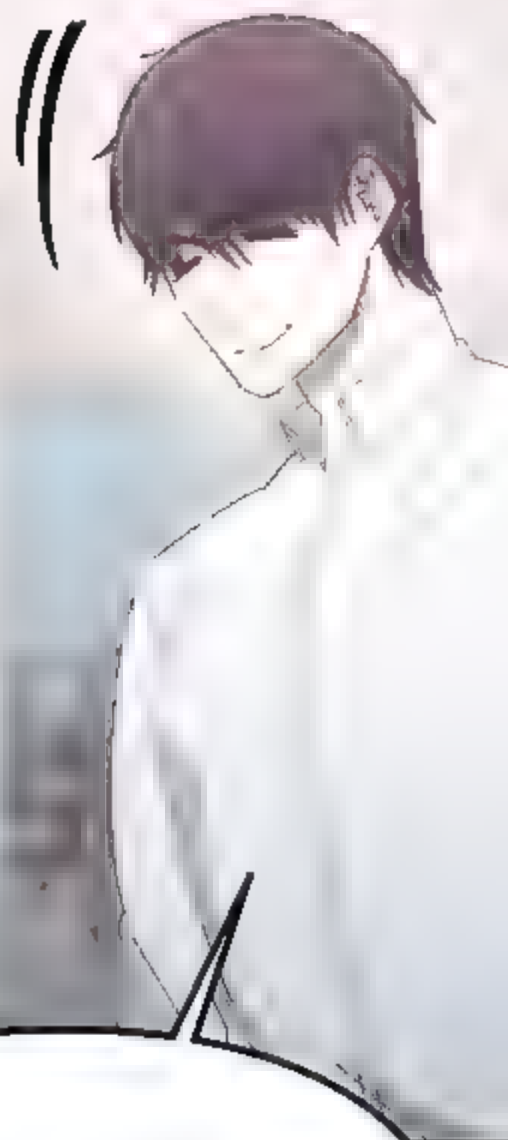
...OPHELIA...?



LAHAN SATISFIED
HER AUDIENCE.

RESPONSE! I'D
RANK THIS ONE
SECOND.

THIS IS THE
NEW HIRE I TOLD
YOU ABOUT. SHE'S
STILL GETTING USED
TO THE LANGUAGE,
SO SHE TALKS TO ME
LIKE THAT, TOO.



THE MANAGER
SEEMS STRANGELY
PLEASED.

JUST THINK
OF IT AS BADLY
TRANSLATED SUBTITLES
FOR A FOREIGN
MOVIE.

OH, LAHAN!
I HEARD ABOUT
YOU.

SMILE

BUT HOW
DID YOU KNOW

MY ENGLISH NAME
WAS OPHELIA?

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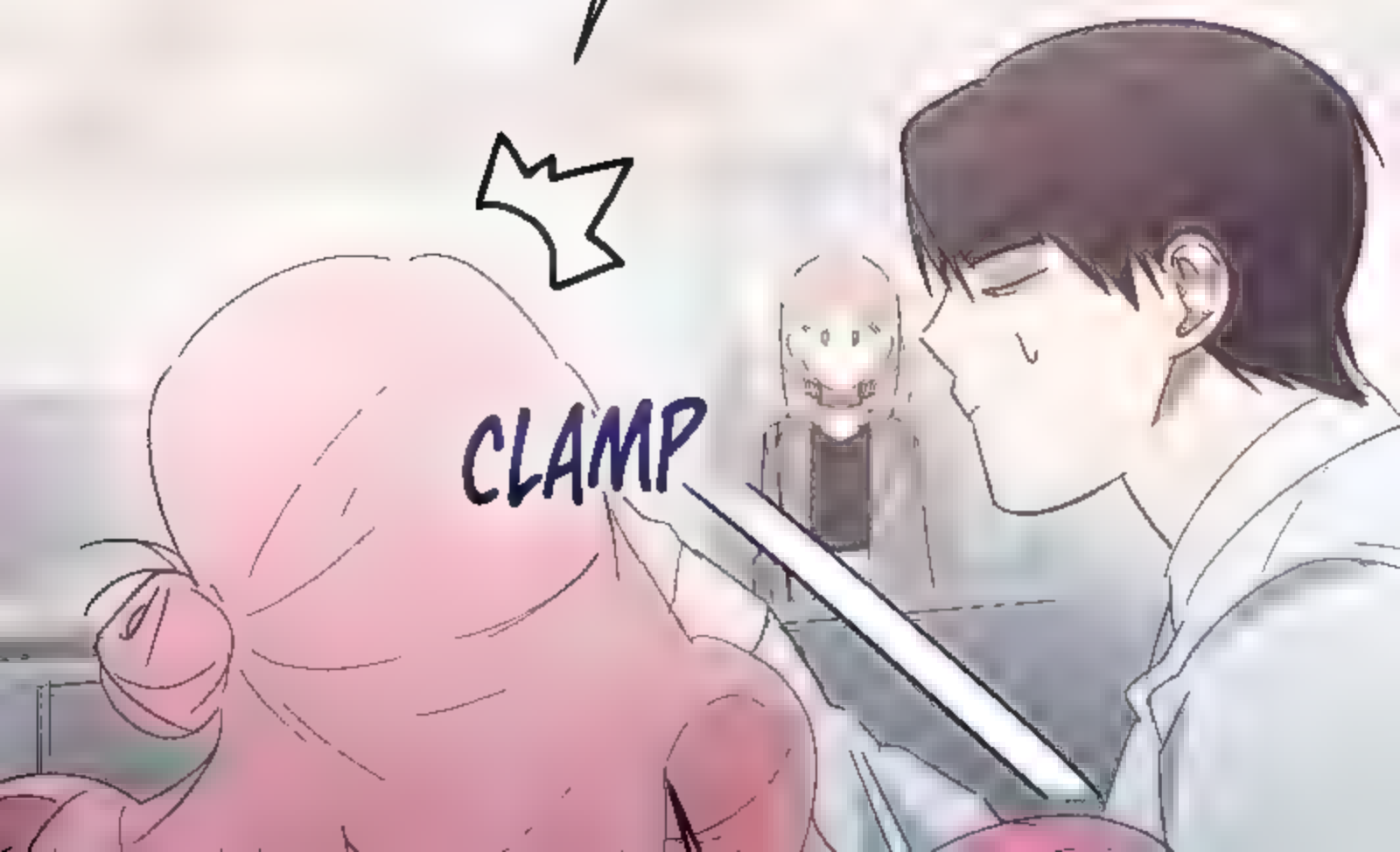


HOW ARE
YOU STILL
ALIVE--

WHOOSH



CLAMP



MPH!
WHA YOU DOIM?!
(WHAT ARE YOU
DOING?!)



STOP TALKING!
YOU'RE MAKING
A TERRIBLE FIRST
IMPRESSION!

HELLO
YONGRAE!
HOW HAVE YOU
BEEN?



OH!

VERY WELL,
THANK YOU!
AND YOU?

CHUCKLE

OH, YOU KNOW.
I DIDN'T GET TO GO
SIGHTSEEING AT ALL
BECAUSE I WAS
WORKING THE
WHOLE TIME.

HAVE
YOU GAINED
SOME MUSCLE
SINCE I LAST
SAW YOU?

HAVE I?
I DON'T REALLY
KNOW...

HAHA



AND IT LOOKS
LIKE YOU MADE
A FRIEND, TOO!

I'VE NEVER
SEEN YOU SO CLOSE
WITH ANYONE AT
THE COMPANY.



GASP

YOU NEARLY
KILLED ME!

IN ANY CASE,
IT'S NICE TO
MEET YOU,
LAHAN.





DOES
SHE...

CLASP



...NOT
KNOW WHO
I AM?



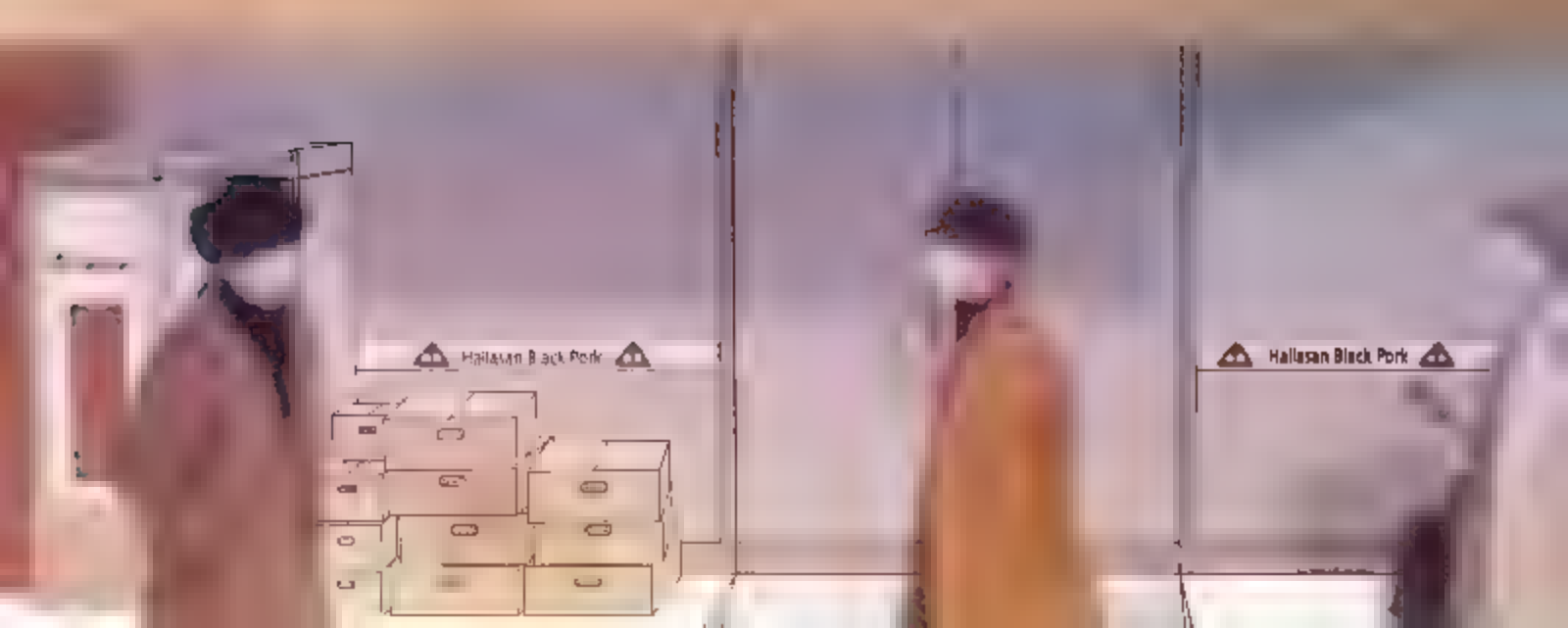


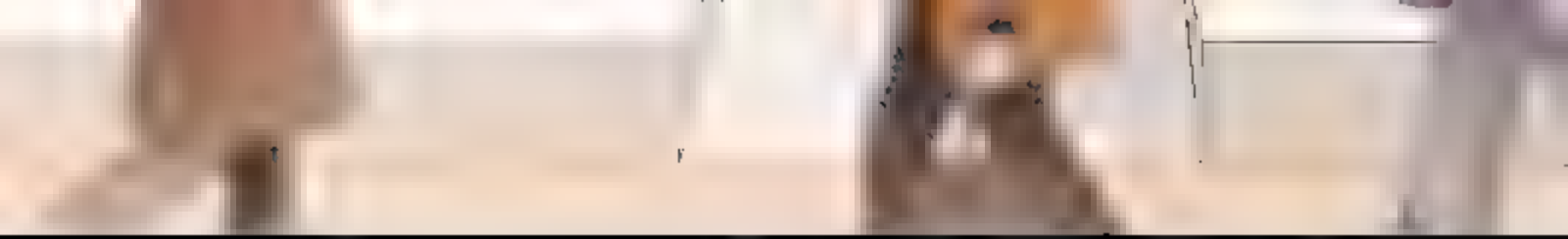
Clean Hallasan Pork



Hallasan Black Pork

Group Res





NOW,
LET'S CELEBRATE
MISS GO'S RETURN FROM
HER BUSINESS
TRIP!





RAISE YOUR
GLASSES WITH ME!
CHEERS!



CHEERS!



CLINK

CLINK

CLINK

THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
HARD WORK,
MISS GO.



DON'T
MENTION IT.
I SHOULD REALLY
THANK ALL OF
YOU!

I CAN GRILL
THE MEAT, SIR!

REACH





JUST FOCUS ON
EATING. YOU'RE BAD
AT GRILLING.

THERE
HE GOES
AGAIN!

HE JUST
MEANS THAT
HE'LL DO IT SO THAT
ALL OF YOU CAN RELAX
AND ENJOY THE
FOOD.



A comic panel showing a table with various dishes, including a bowl of green soup, a plate of food, and a glass. A person's arm is visible on the left side of the frame.

THAT'S NOT
TRUE...

HE'S ALWAYS
HAD SUCH A HARD
TIME OWNING UP TO HOW
KIND HE IS. RIGHT,
YONGRAE?

BY THE WAY,
YOU DEFINITELY
HAVE CHANGED

HAVE CHANGED.



THERE'S
JUST SOMETHING
DIFFERENT ABOUT YOU...
MAYBE BECAUSE YOU
SWITCHED TO
CONTACTS.

I DON'T REALLY
SEE A DIFFERENCE...



AWKWARD

I'M TELLING YOU,
YOU LOOK MUCH
BETTER NOW!

RIGHT?!



TURN



DOESN'T HE
REMINDE YOU OF
WHEN HE FIRST
JOINED THE
COMPANY?

OH, YOU'RE
RIGHT! HE GOT
HIS ENTHUSIASM
BACK!

MICRO

MISS GO,
YOU REALLY
ARE FULL OF
PRAISE.



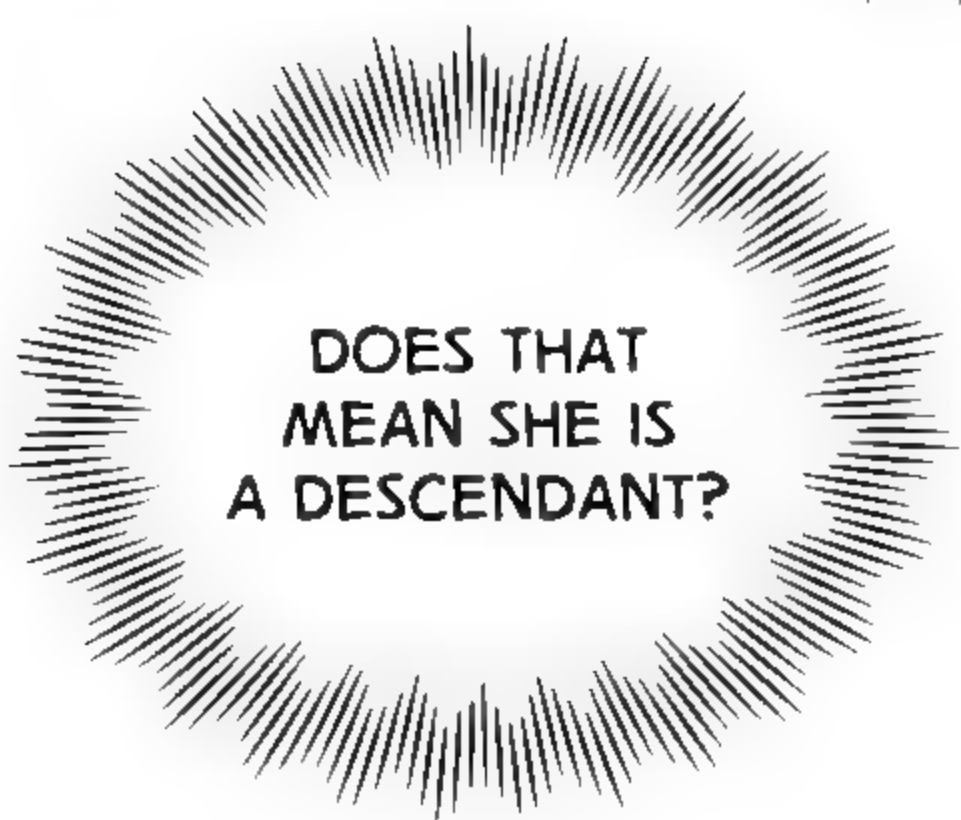
IT'S
ALL TRUE!

SHE
DEFINITELY

DEFINITELY
DOES NOT SEEM
TO KNOW WHO
I AM.



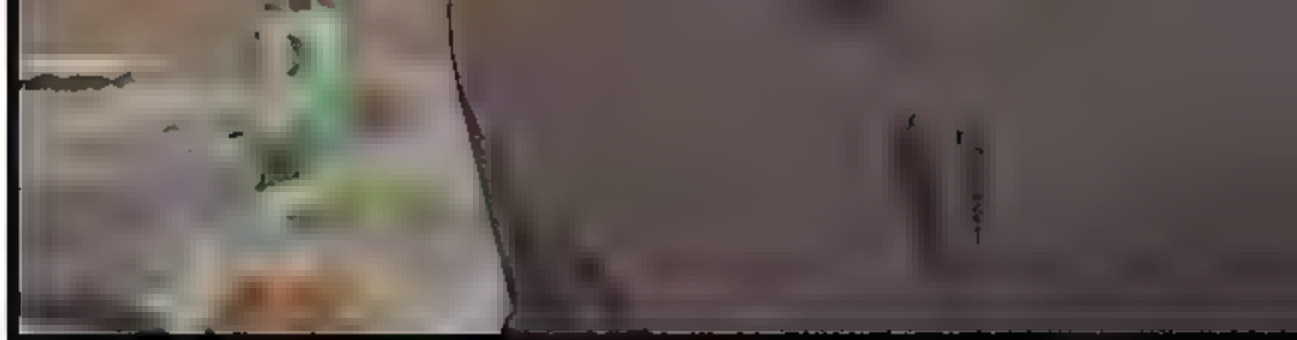
IT MAKES NO
SENSE FOR OPHELIA
TO STILL BE ALIVE,
ANYWAY.



**DOES THAT
MEAN SHE IS
A DESCENDANT?**

OPHEL--
I MEAN,
MISS GO?





DO YOU HAPPEN
TO BE RELATED
TO YONGRAE?



WHAT?!

NO, NOT
AT ALL! WE DON'T
HAVE ANY FAMILY
IN COMMON.



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HAHA



—HANA

SEE?
LAHAN MUST
HAVE THOUGHT
YOU WERE RELATED
SINCE YOU LOOK
AFTER HIM SO
MUCH!



?

HOLD ON,
THIS MAKES
NO SENSE...



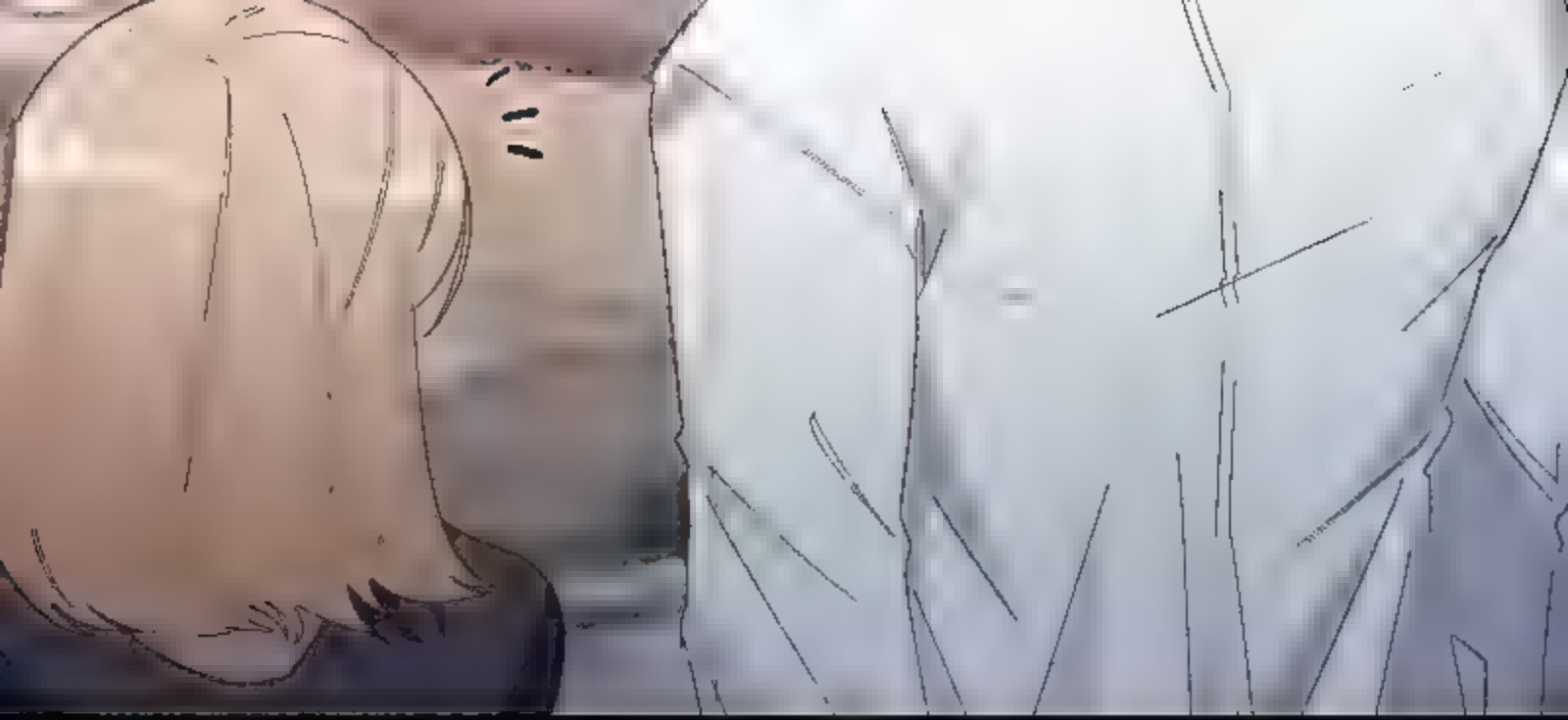


IF SHE IS ALSO
A DESCENDANT OF
LEONARD AND OPHELIA,
THESE TWO SHOULD
BE RELATED!



YOU DO SEEM
TO WATCH OUT FOR
YONGRAE MORE THAN
THE OTHERS.

REALLY?



BUT...
WELL...

THERE'S SOMETHING
ABOUT YONGRAE THAT
MAKES ME FEEL ALL
NOSTALGIC.



MAYBE
WE WERE FRIENDS
IN A PAST LIFE.

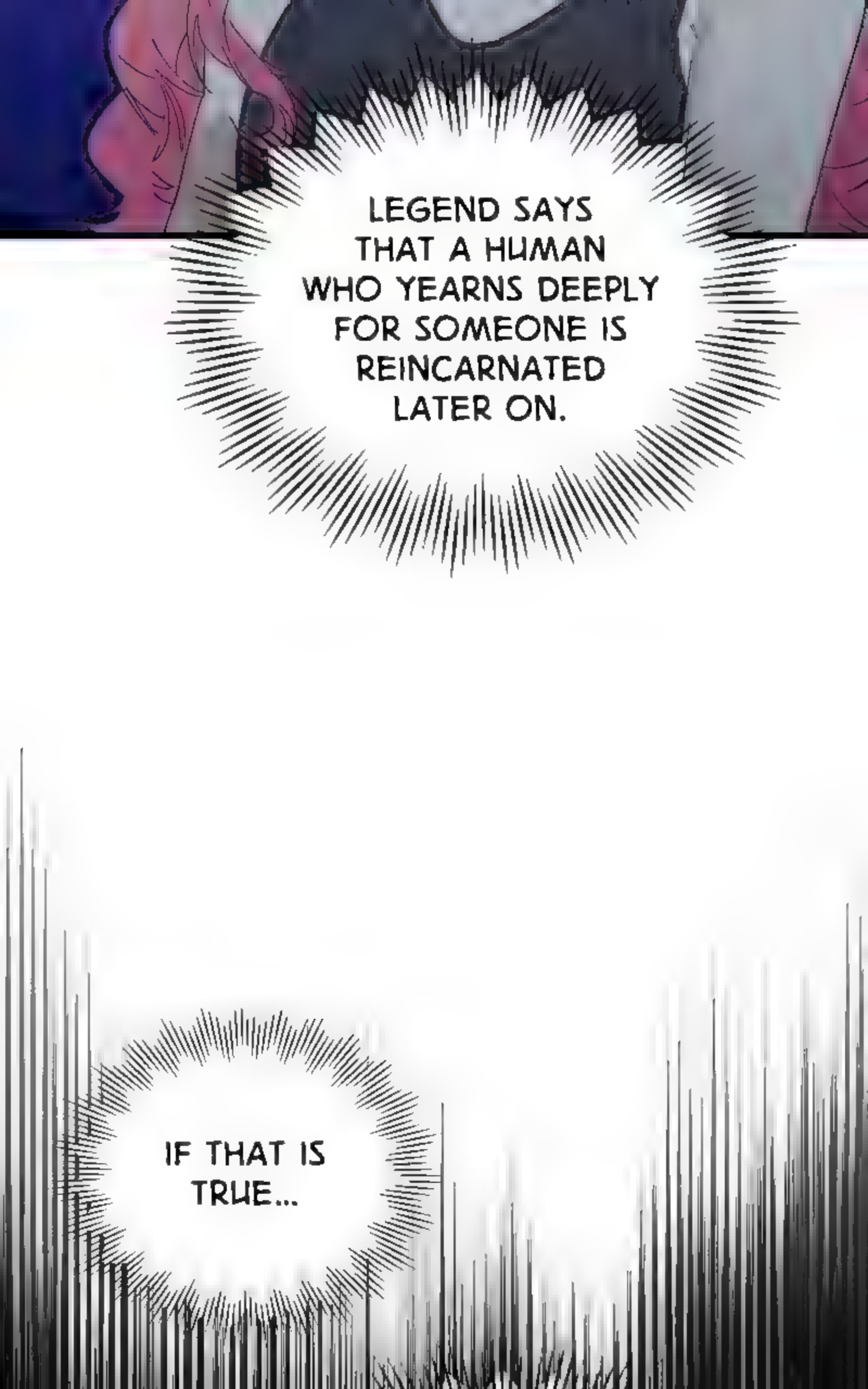
A PAST LIFE?
HA...



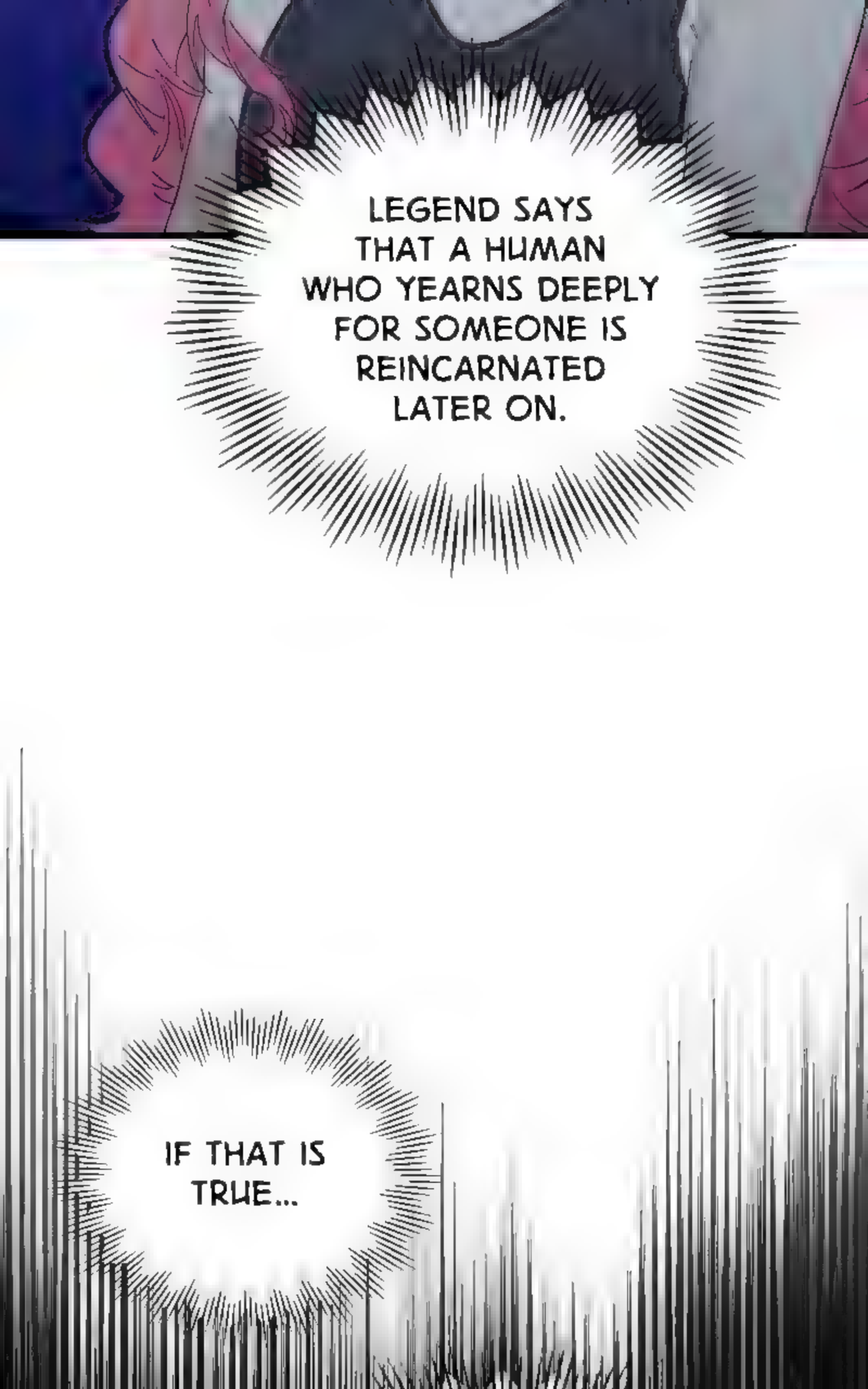
WAIT.

**WHAT IF
SHE IS NOT JUST
A DESCENDANT BUT
A REINCARNATION?**

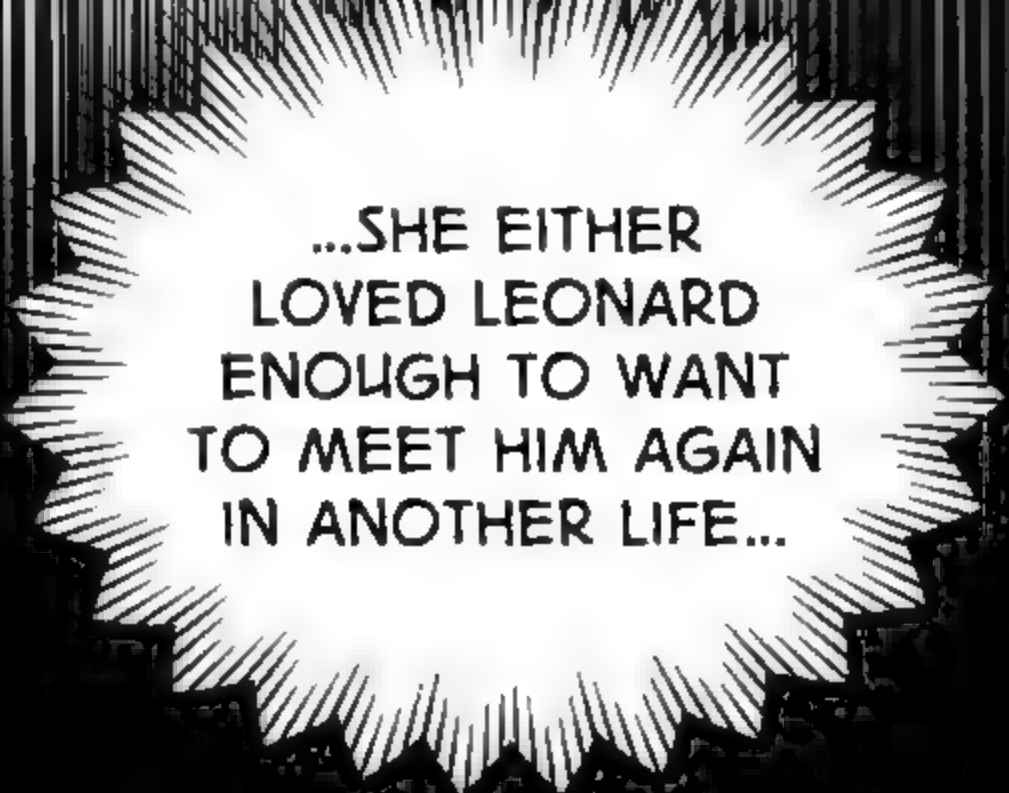


A hand with pink skin and black markings on the palm holds a glowing white orb. The orb has a jagged, sunburst-like border. Inside the orb, text is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is dark blue with some pink and black shapes.

LEGEND SAYS
THAT A HUMAN
WHO YEARNs DEEPLY
FOR SOMEONE IS
REINCARNATED
LATER ON.

A hand with pink skin and black markings on the palm holds a glowing white orb. The orb has a jagged, sunburst-like border. Inside the orb, text is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background is dark blue with some pink and black shapes.

IF THAT IS
TRUE...



...SHE EITHER
LOVED LEONARD
ENOUGH TO WANT
TO MEET HIM AGAIN
IN ANOTHER LIFE...



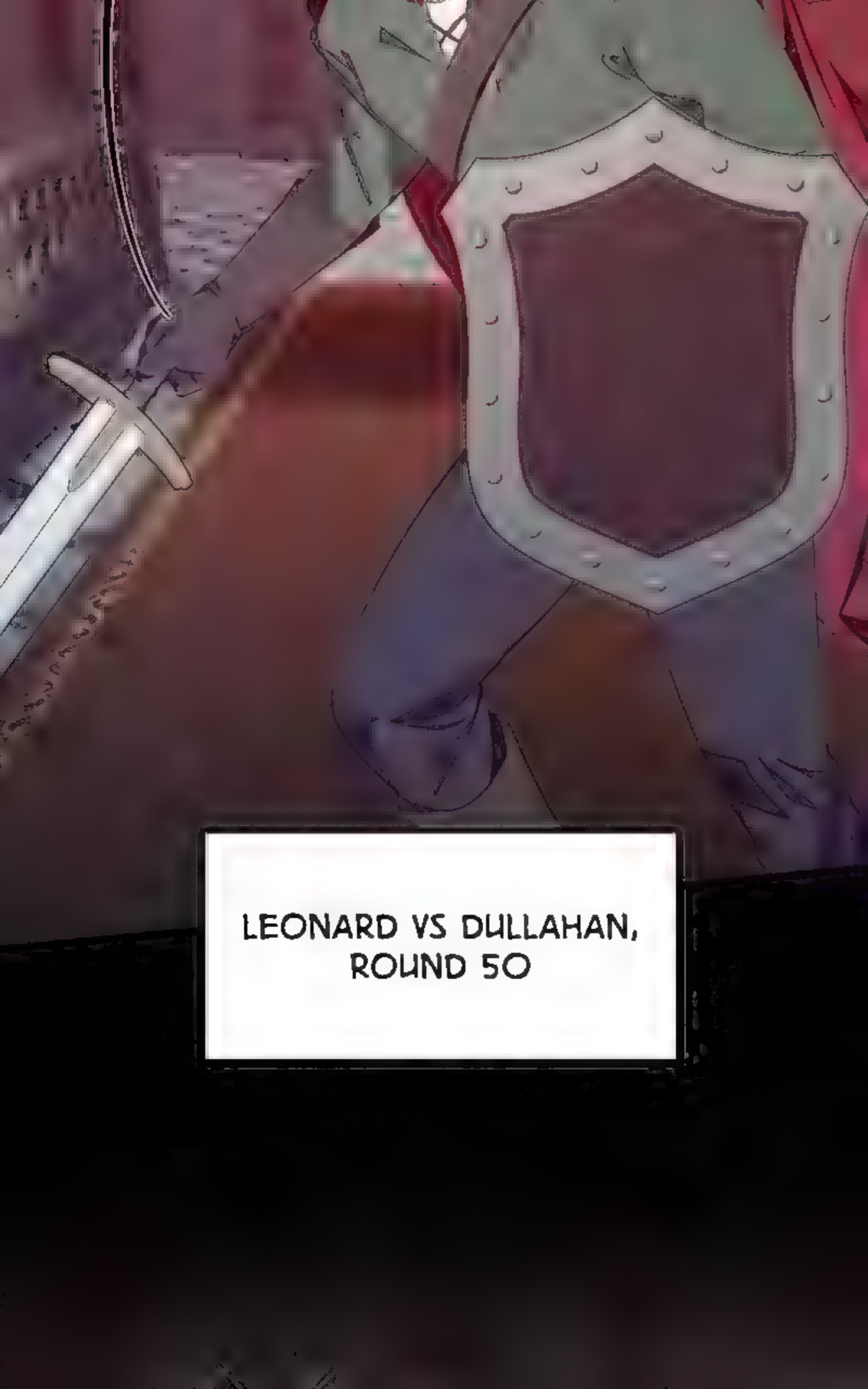
...OR THEY
NEVER GOT
MARRIED.



ALRIGHT,
DULLAHAN!

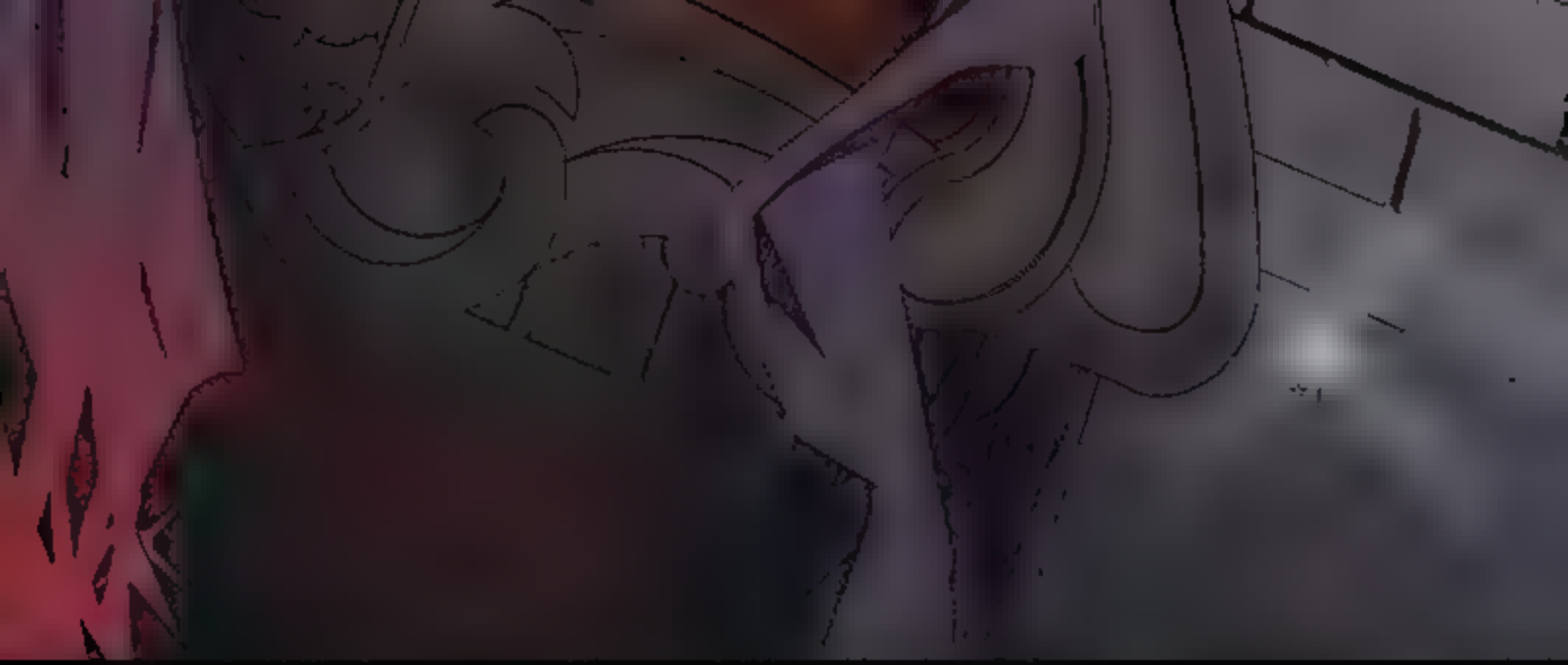
GRIN





LEONARD VS DULLAHAN,
ROUND 50





WOULD YOU
STOP TRYING TO
FIGHT ME?

IT HAS
BEEN YEARS NOW.
HAVE YOU NOT GROWN
TIRED OF BEING DEFEATED?
HOW OLD ARE
YOU NOW?



I'M
AN ADULT
NOW!

OH, CONGRATULATIONS.
DID YOU HAVE YOUR
COMING-OF-AGE
CEREMONY? WOULD
YOU LIKE A GIFT?

SHUT UP!
I ALREADY KNOW ABOUT
YOUR ABILITY TO CONTROL
SOMEONE IF YOU TALK
TO THEM LONG
ENOUGH!

HE FELL FOR
IT BEFORE...



...SO SHE
COMMANDED HIM
TO DANCE BEFORE
SETTING HIM FREE.

DIE!!!

TAKE
A LOOK AT
THIS STATUE!





I CARVED IT
MYSELF!

THAT'S
NOT BAD AT ALL.
DID YOU REALLY CARVE IT
BY HAND WITHOUT
USING MAGIC?

YUP!



COMPLETELY
BY HAND! HERE IS
ANOTHER ONE!









WHY DID YOU HAVE
TO GO AND BREAK MY
MASTERPIECE? YOU ARE
FAR TOO WEAK TO
CHALLENGE ME.





DO YOU HAVE
ANY OTHER HOBBIES
BESIDES GETTING DEFEATED
BY ME? SHOULD YOU NOT
BE COURTING WOMEN
AT YOUR AGE?

IT SEEMS
AS THOUGH YOU
ARE VERY POPULAR,
FROM WHAT I HAVE
SEEN.

A comic book panel featuring a character with pink skin and a dark, pointed horn-like feature on their head. The character is looking down at a small, round, white object with a green cross-like symbol on it, which is resting on a red, textured surface. A large, white speech bubble with a black outline is positioned above the character's head, containing the text "THAT KIND OF THING ONLY GETS IN THE WAY OF MY HERO TRAINING...". The background is a dark, solid black.

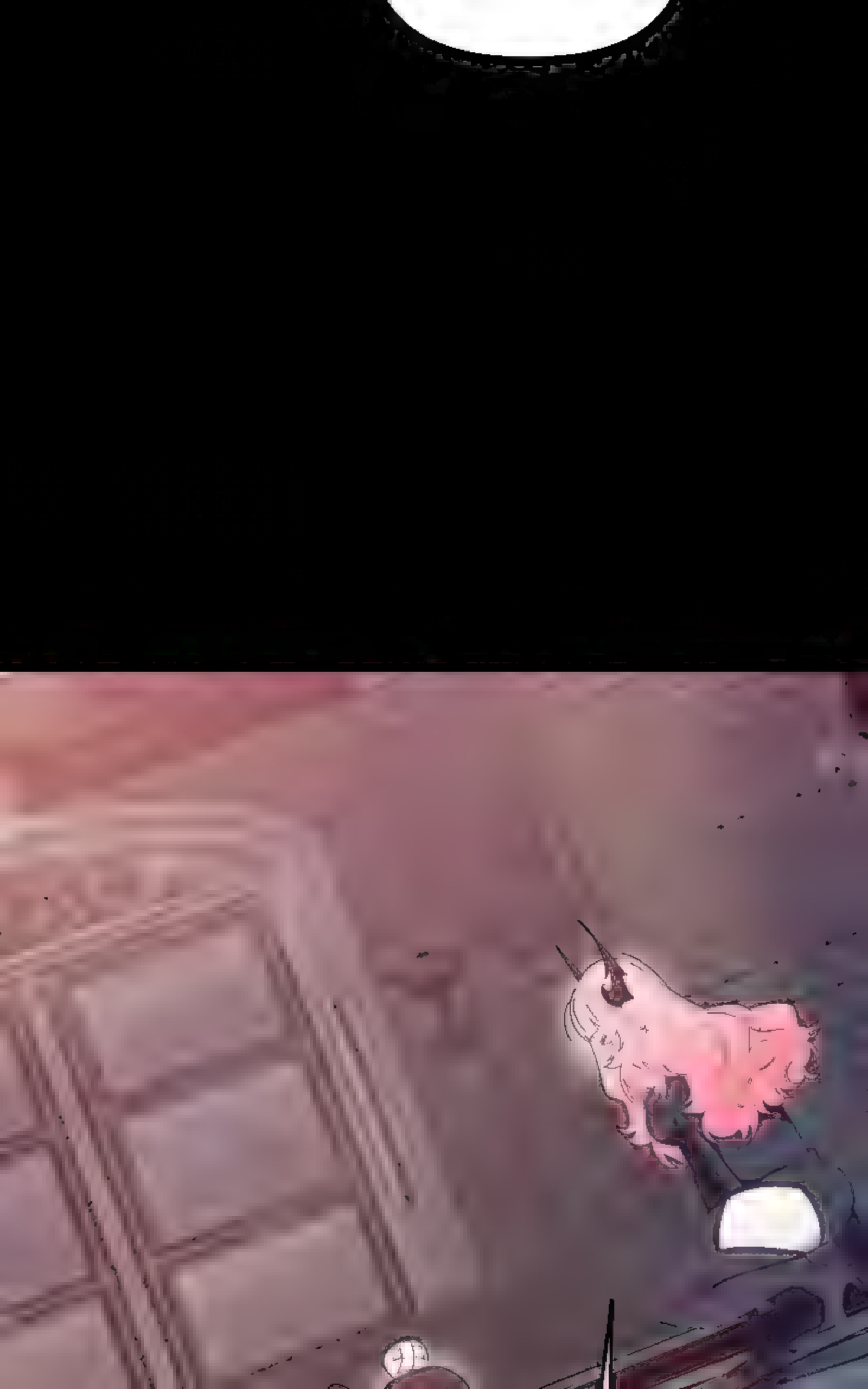
THAT KIND
OF THING ONLY
GETS IN THE WAY
OF MY HERO
TRAINING...

A comic book panel featuring a character with pink hair and a green visor in the background. A large speech bubble is in the foreground.

WHAT IF YOU
WERE TO GIVE UP
ON BEING A HERO SO
YOU CAN GET MARRIED
AND LIVE A NORMAL
LIFE?

I'LL GET BACK TO
LIVING A NORMAL LIFE
ONCE I DEFEAT YOU.

THAT IS
WHAT OPHELIA
WANTS, TOO.



A comic book panel with a dark, textured background. At the top, there are faint, sketchy outlines of what might be a landscape or structures in shades of red and purple. Two white speech bubbles are positioned in the upper half of the panel. The first speech bubble, on the left, contains the text 'DO YOU LIKE EACH OTHER?'. The second speech bubble, on the right, contains the text 'THE PRINCESS OF THE LIO KINGDOM? ARE YOU GOING TO MARRY HER?'.

THE PRINCESS
OF THE LIO KINGDOM?
ARE YOU GOING TO
MARRY HER?

DO YOU
LIKE EACH
OTHER?

WE ARE
CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
I DON'T KNOW HOW
SHE FEELS, BUT...



...IF I WERE
TO GET MARRIED,
IT WOULD BE
TO HER.

HMM,
IN THAT
CASE...

DASH



HEY!



WAIT!
WHY ARE YOU
SO FAST WHEN YOU
RUN AWAY...?!





I WAS NEVER
ABLE TO CONFIRM
HOW LEONARD
REALLY FELT.

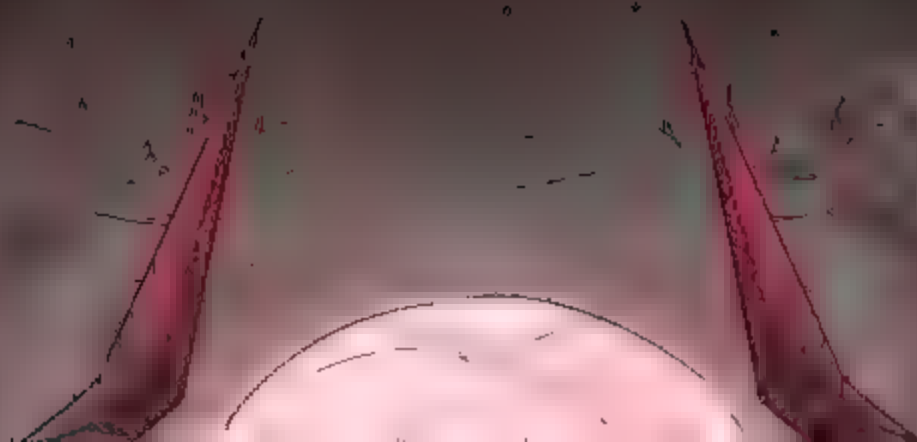
STEP





IT HAS BEEN
A MONTH SINCE
YOU LAST CAME BY.
TODAY MARKS OUR 51ST
BATTLE, DOES IT
NOT?

AT TIMES, IT WOULD
FEEL LIKE WE HAD
GROWN CLOSER FROM
FIGHTING EACH OTHER
FOR SO LONG...





WHY ARE YOU
SO DOWNTRODDEN
TODAY? YOU SHOULD LIFT
YOUR HEAD AND GLARE
AT ME LIKE YOU
USUALLY--



STOP ACTING
AS THOUGH WE
ARE FRIENDS.

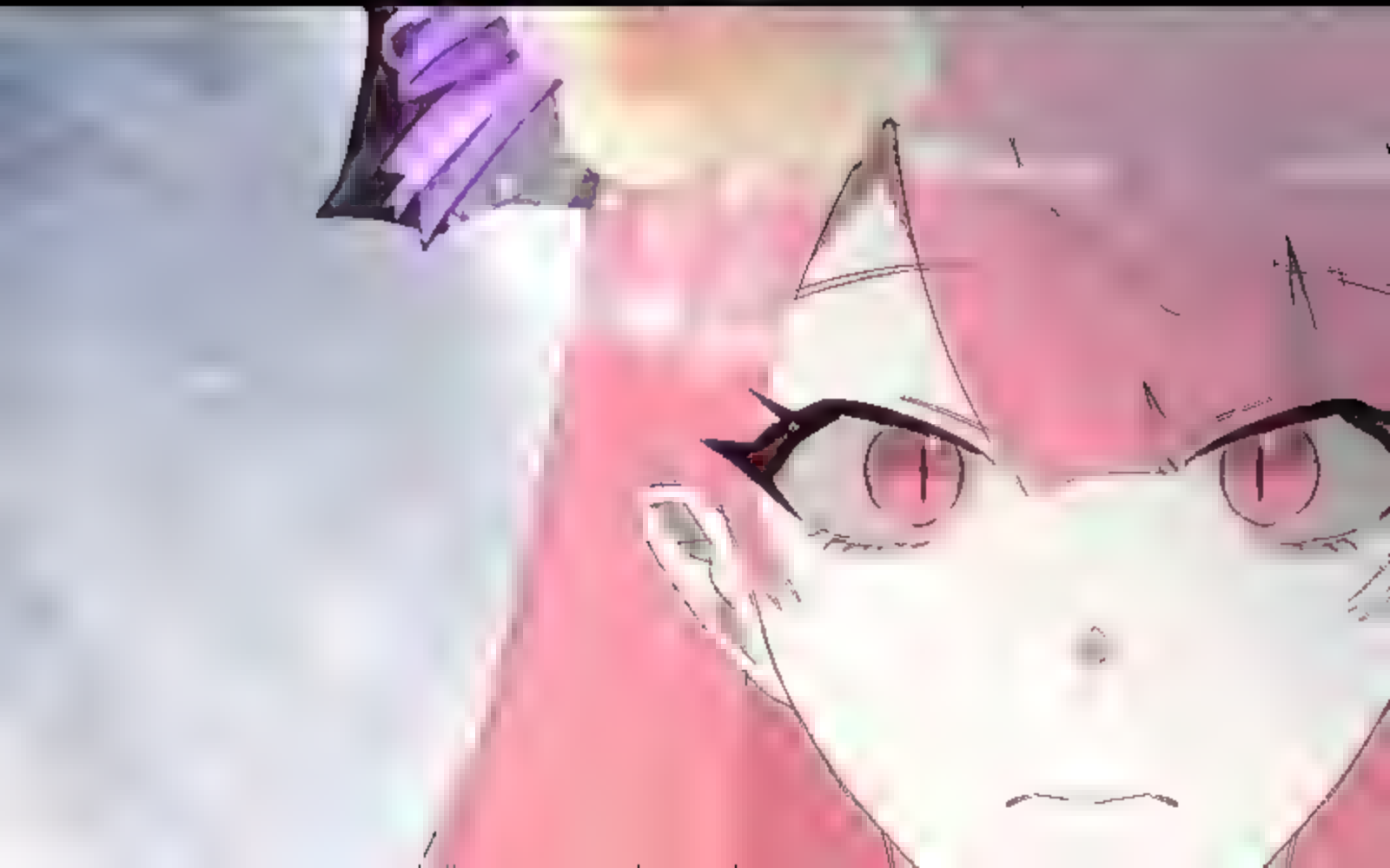
MY NEIGHBOR,
OLD MAN SAUL,
PASSED AWAY
LAST NIGHT.

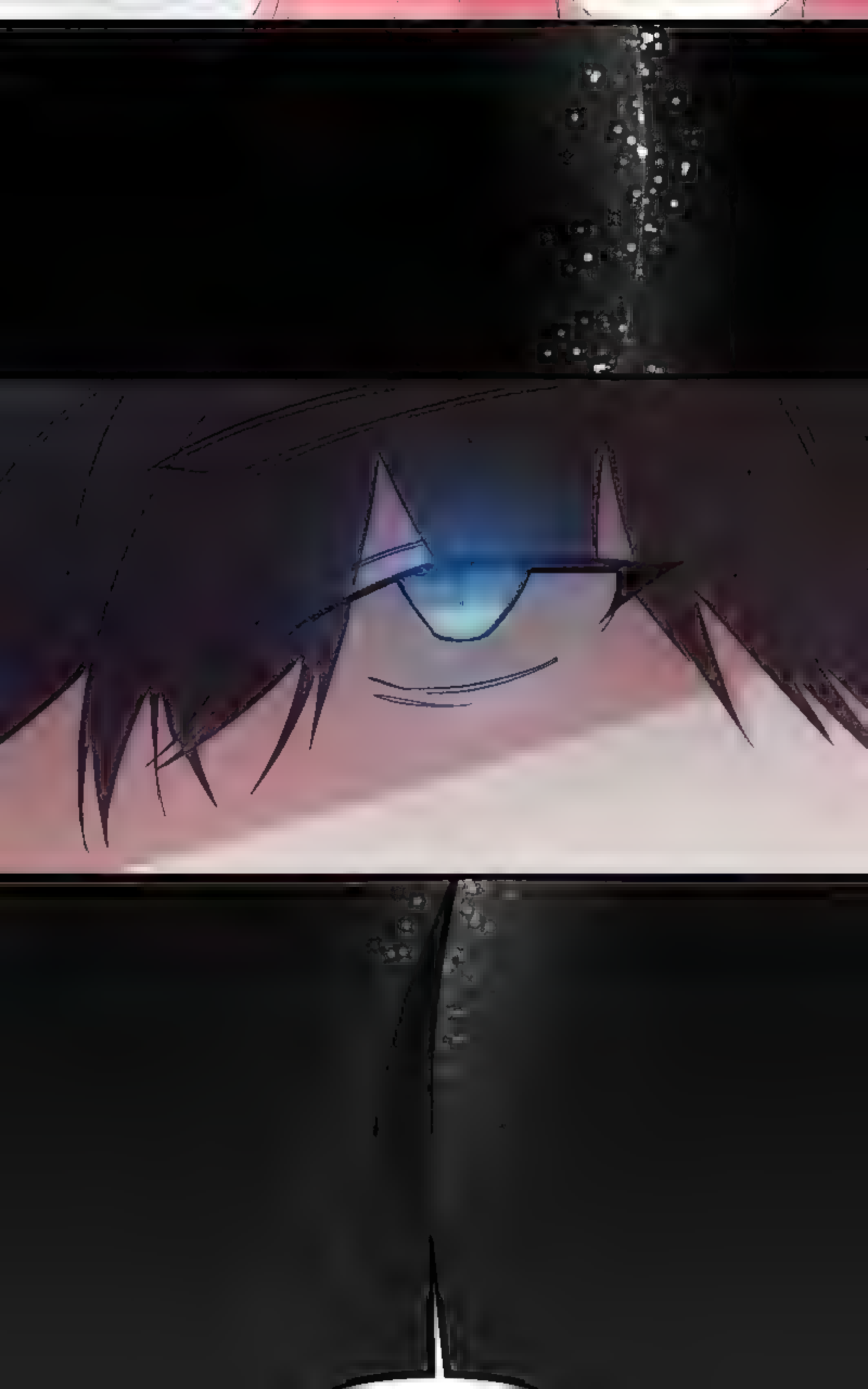
I'VE KNOWN
HIM MY WHOLE LIFE.
HE WAS LIKE FAMILY
TO ME...





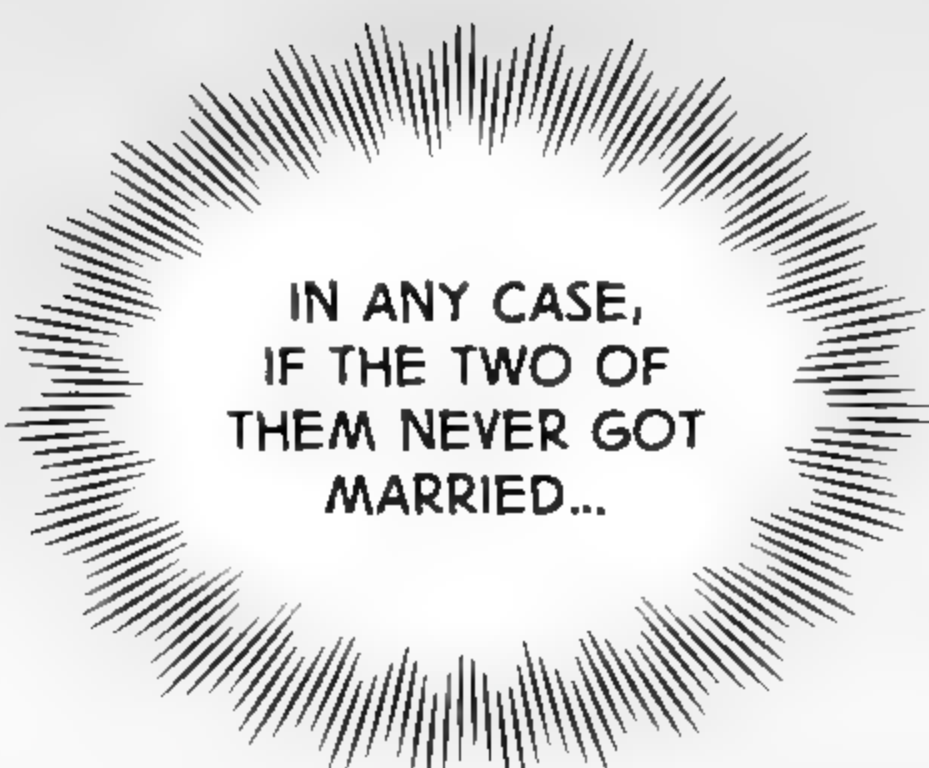
THEY TOLD ME
HE WAS ATTACKED
BY A DEMON.



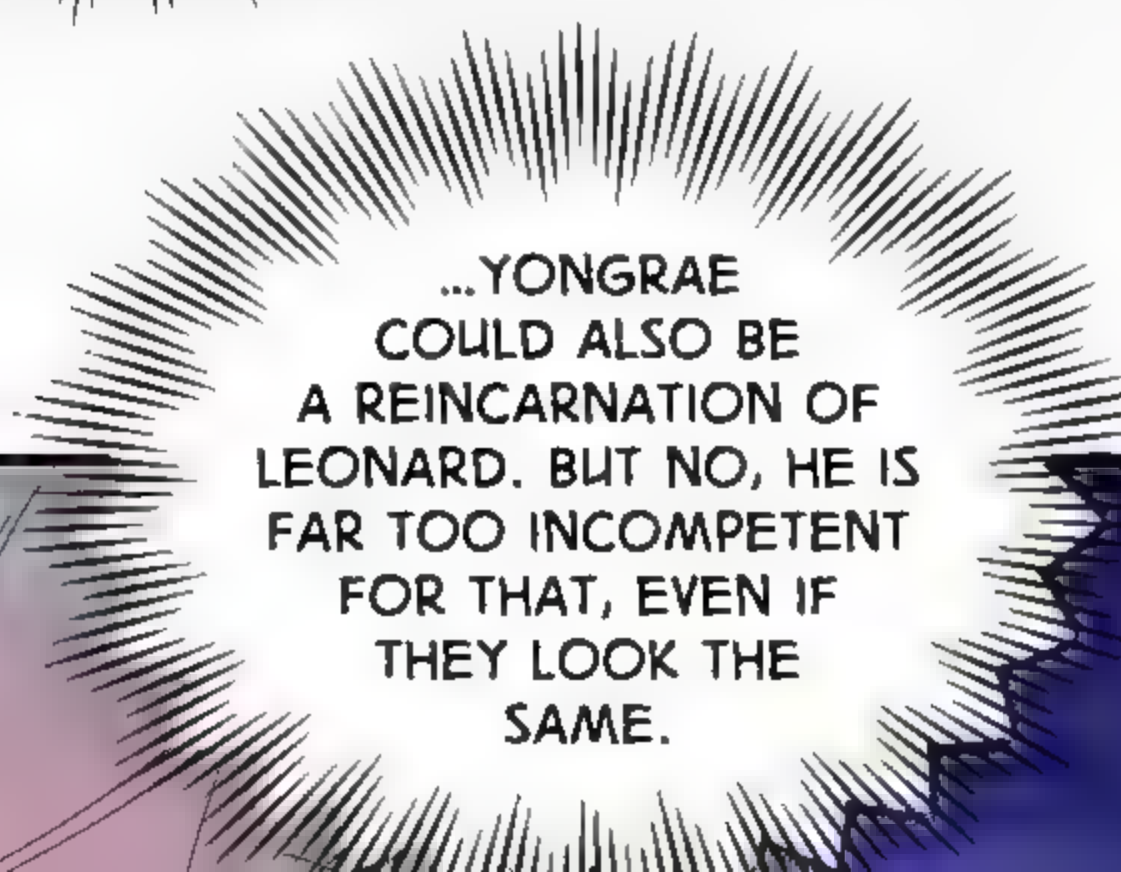


**DIE,
DULLAHAN.**

**...BUT THEN
HE WOULD TURN
AROUND AND TREAT ME
LIKE HIS MOST HATED
NEMESIS ONCE
MORE.**



IN ANY CASE,
IF THE TWO OF
THEM NEVER GOT
MARRIED...



...YONGRAE
COULD ALSO BE
A REINCARNATION OF
LEONARD. BUT NO, HE IS
FAR TOO INCOMPETENT
FOR THAT, EVEN IF
THEY LOOK THE
SAME.



WHO
ON EARTH DID
LEONARD END UP
MARRYING,
THEN?!



ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?
ARE YOU NOT
FEELING
WELL?



YOU'VE
BEEN FROWNING
FOR A WHILE
NOW...

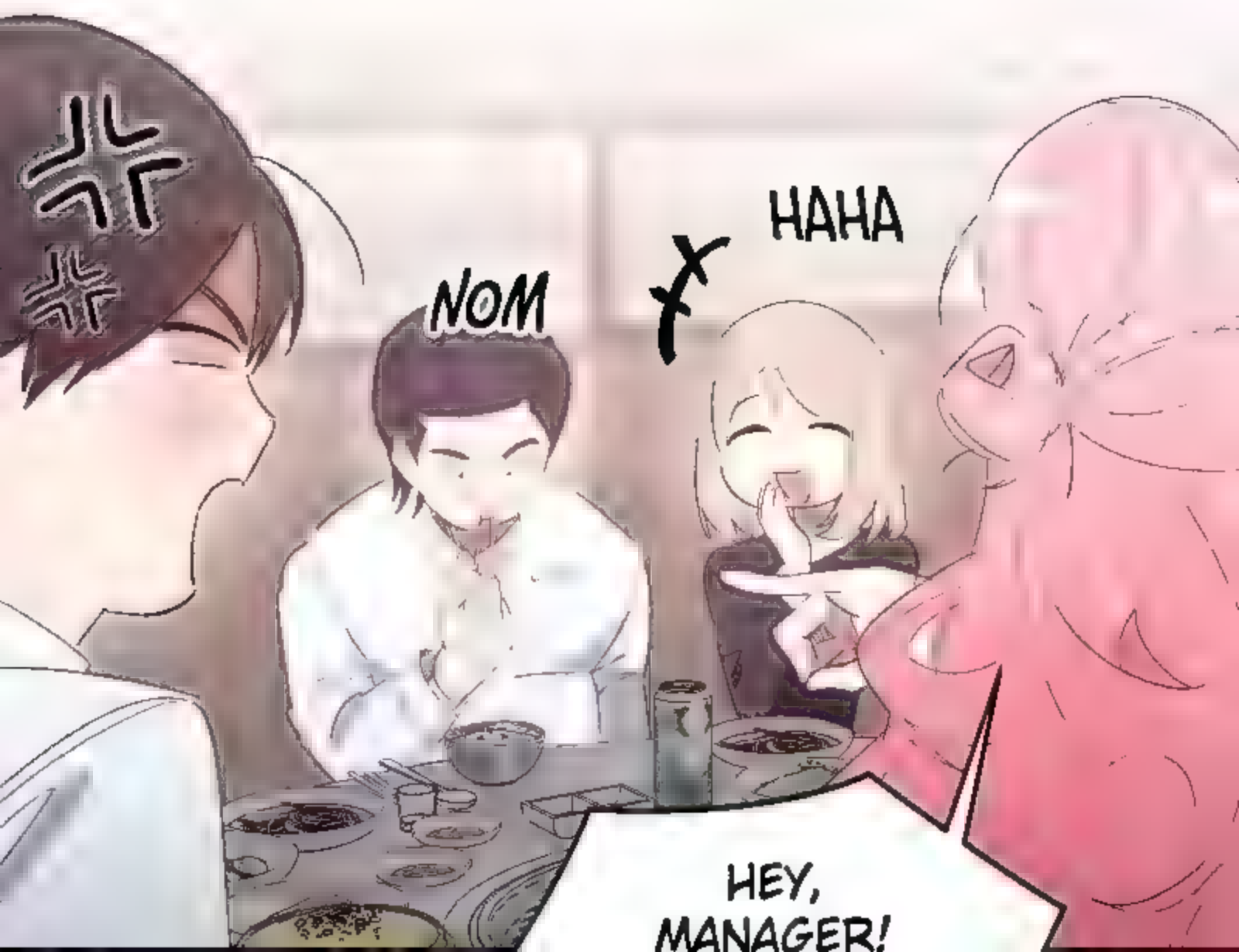




S-STOP

STARING AT ME,
WILL YOU? HMPH!
HOW AGGRAVATING.

E-EXCUSE ME?!
I WAS JUST SHOWING
CONCERN...!



HEY,
MANAGER!

LEAVE SOME
FOR THE REST
OF US!



CHATTER

CHATTER



BUT
THEN...

STEP



STEP

RATTLE



IS ANYONE
STILL HERE?

SILENCE



I GUESS
NOT...

THAT MEANS
IT'S TIME FOR ME
TO CLOCK OUT,
TOO.

STEP

STEP



CRACK



...AN INCIDENT
OCCURRED THE

NEXT DAY.

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